

# The Library: The System Of Systems

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**Librarians transform communities by weaving together the brilliance of its people. The result is called a library.**



**BECAUSE  
TRANSFORMATION  
IS ESSENTIAL TO  
THE COMMUNITIES  
WE SERVE.**

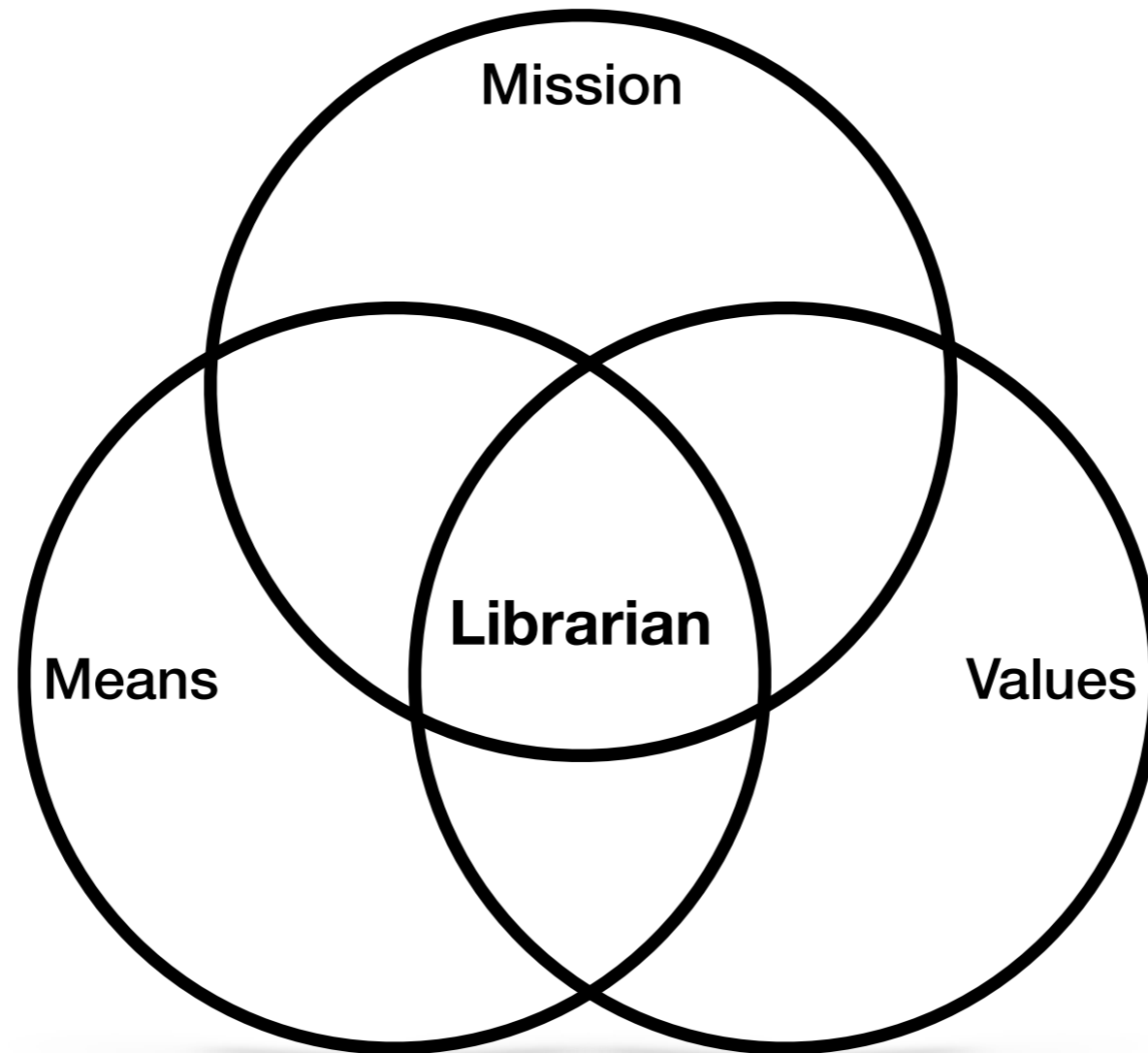
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# Transformational Libraries

- Dedicated Core of Professionals [Librarians]
- A Community-Built Agenda and Narrative
- Philosophy Based on Knowledge
- Library as Platform



# Librarians

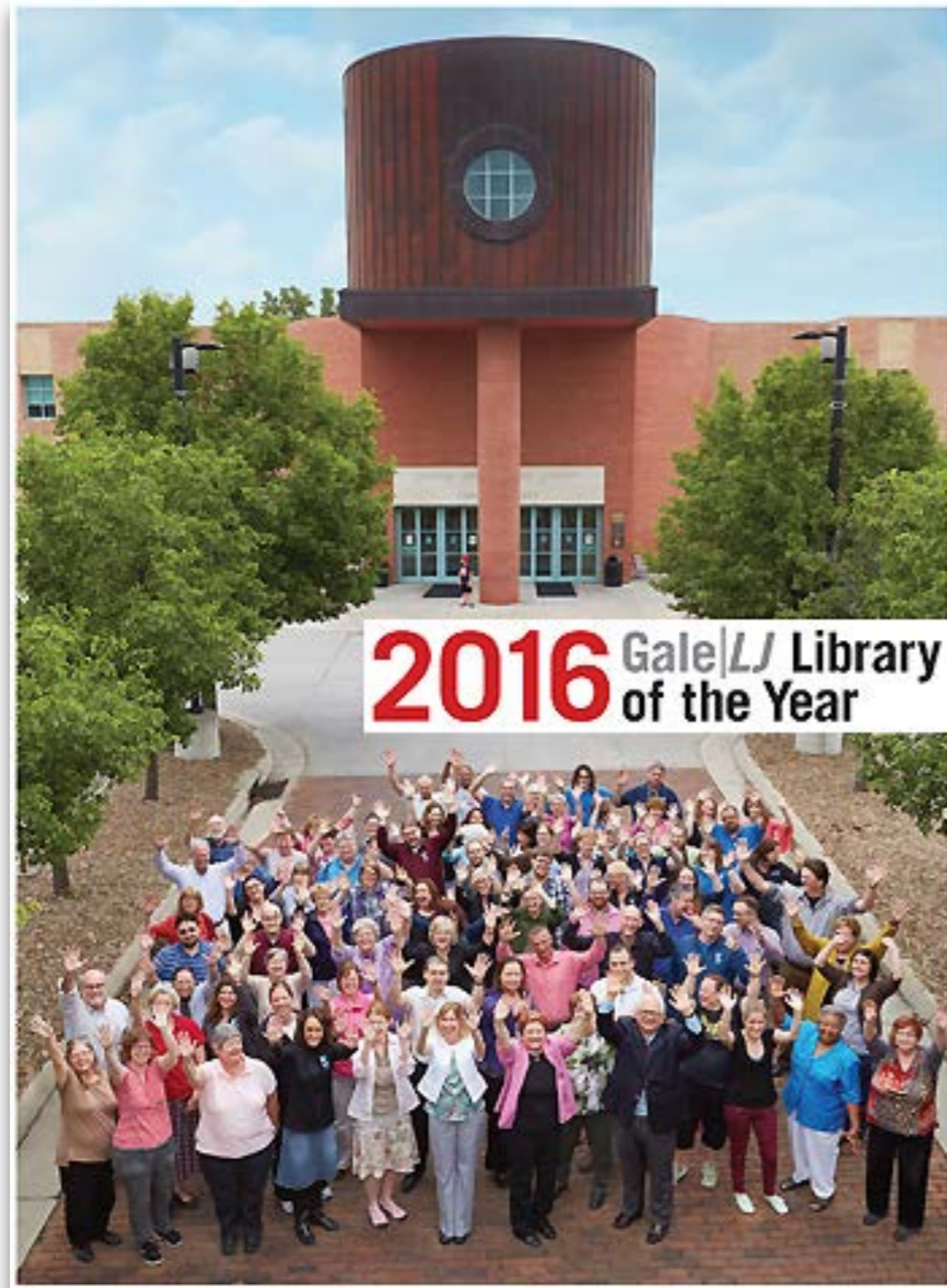


# A Community-Built Agenda and Narrative

- Richland Library:
  - Help create a strong and resilient economy
  - Strengthen community cohesion
  - Transform educational outcomes for youth
  - Help break the cycle of poverty



# Topeka, Kansas



# Cazenovia New York





# Philosophy Based on Knowledge Not Information



# Access ≠ Impact



# Connection Development Not Collection Development



# Library as Platform

The screenshot displays the website for aadl.org, featuring a navigation menu with links for ABOUT US, CATALOG, EVENTS, SERVICES, RESEARCH, CONTACT US, and MY ACCOUNT. The main content area is titled "About Music Tools" and includes a brief description of the collection. Below this, there is a grid of 18 items, each with a photograph and a caption:

- Clarinete Digital
- Moozi Theremin
- Pocket Therio-GIT
- Bass Bass
- Crifer & Guitar Combo Pack
- Boornbackers
- Chrome notes
- Electro-Faustus Fun Pack
- Ministry
- Monotron Duo
- Monotron Delay
- Clarinete analog
- Stylophone S2
- MS-20 Mini
- Sub Phatty
- Bass Station II
- Microbrute
- Microkorg

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- A Foundation in Learning and Knowledge
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# Library as Bridge



'Tackles the biggest questions of history and of the modern world'

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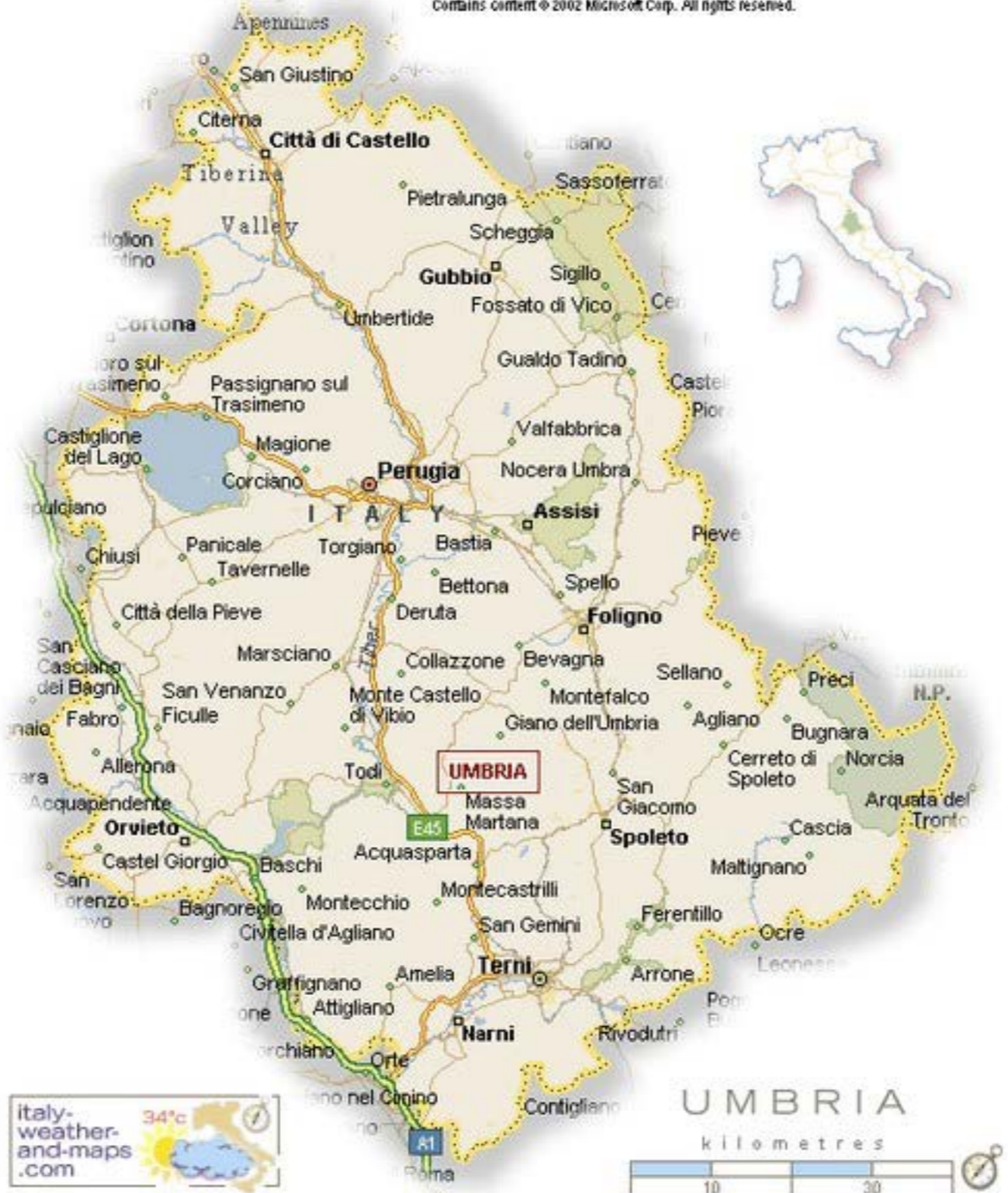
Yuval Noah  
Harari



# Sapiens

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Humankind

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